

FEBRUARY 24, 2004

**CITY OF GUNNISON COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES**

7:00 P.M.

Following a Work Session, the Regular Session was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Mayor Ferguson with Councilmembers Simillion, Stone, Smits and Duba present along with City Attorney Landwehr, City Manager Collins, City Clerk Davidson, several interested citizens and the press.

Consideration of Minutes:

Regular Session Minutes of February 10, 2004.

Councilmember Duba moved and Councilmember Simillion seconded the motion to approve the Regular Session Minutes of February 10, 2004, as submitted.

Roll call vote, yes: Simillion, Stone, Ferguson, Smits, Duba. So carried.

Roll call vote, no: None.

Pre-Scheduled Citizens: None.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

2004 Contracts for Service and Continuing Challenge Grants. This item was discussed at the Work Session prior to the Regular Session. Mayor Ferguson asked Council if they wanted to act on these items as a group or if anyone wanted to act on any of the items separately. Councilmember Stone stated he'd like to act on the Contracts for Service with one motion and the Continuing Challenge Grants with another. Council concurred. Councilmember Duba recused himself from the Contracts for Service action due to his connection with the Literacy Action program.

Councilmember Stone moved and Councilmember Simillion seconded the motion to approve the 2004 Contracts for Service for the Gunnison Animal Lovers in the amount of \$1,000; Gunnison Council for the Arts in the amount of \$15,000; Gunnison Country Chamber of Commerce for business support in the amount of \$10,000; Gunnison County Literacy Action in the amount of \$1,250; Gunnison Main Street Program in the amount of \$12,500; Gunnison County Pioneer and Historical Society in the amount of \$5,000; Gunnison Valley Economic Development Corporation in the amount of \$15,000; Jubilee House of Gunnison County in the amount of \$1,200; Safe Ride of Gunnison County in the amount of \$3,000; Colorado Water Workshop in the amount of \$1,500; Western State College for recruiting services in the amount of \$10,000; and Tenderfoot Child and Family Development Center in the amount of \$5,000 and to authorize the Mayor to sign said contracts.

Roll call vote, yes: Stone, Ferguson, Smits, Duba, Simillion. So carried.

Roll call vote, no: None.

Councilmember Duba returned to the meeting.

Councilmember Stone moved and Councilmember Duba seconded the motion to approve, pursuant to the 2004 budget discussions and decisions, the Continuing Challenge Grants for Cattlemen's Days in the amount of \$7,500; the Gunnison Balloon Rally in the amount of \$325; Gunnison Car Show in the amount of \$400; Gunnison Kiwanis Fishing Tournament in the amount of \$1,000; Monarch Search and Rescue Fishing Tournament in the amount of \$1,000; the Rotary Fireworks in the amount of \$4,000; and the Tenderfoot/Mountaineer Archaeological Project in the amount of \$2,500 and to authorize the Mayor to sign said Challenge Grants.

Councilmember Smits asked for clarification about the funds not being utilized as "pass through funds". Finance Director Hanson explained the funds granted to one organization can't be then granted to another organization funded by the City. Also, the updates required of each of the organizations will be routed in a packet to Council.

Roll call vote, yes: Ferguson, Smits, Duba, Simillion, Stone. So carried.

Roll call vote, no: None.

Gunnison Valley Peace Initiative's Request for Multi-Day Special Events Permit.

This item was discussed in the Work Session prior to the Regular Session. Councilmember Smits asked, if there were to be problems, could the permit be revoked. City Clerk Davidson stated she understood that since Council approves or denies the permit they could also revoke the permit.

Councilmember Duba moved and Councilmember Stone seconded the motion to approve the Gunnison Valley Peace Initiative's request for a multi-day Special Events Permit to hold a recurring bake sale, on Wednesday nights, on City right-of-way, in front of the Peace Pub, 216 N. Main Street.

Roll call vote, yes: Smits, Duba, Simillion, Stone, Ferguson. So carried.

Roll call vote, no: None.

Staff Recommendation; Re: Gunnison County Beautification Committee's Request.

This item was discussed in the Work Session prior to the Regular Session. Committee members Paula Swenson, Harley Tripp and Police Chief Keehne were present. Councilmember Stone commended the Beautification Committee on all of their work. He appreciates their efforts. Also, he thinks Staff did a good job in reviewing the Committee's request and that the Staff recommendation is right on the mark.

Councilmember Stone moved and Councilmember Smits seconded the motion to accept Staff's recommendation regarding the request from the Gunnison County Beautification Committee and instruct Staff to implement those recommendations, including drafting a letter of support from the City Council for the program.

Roll call vote, yes: Duba, Simillion, Stone, Ferguson, Smits. So carried.

Roll call vote, no: None.

Firehouse Lots Lease Agreement with Gunnison County. Fire Marshal Dennis Spritzer came forward to answer any questions Council might have about the lease agreement. City Attorney Landwehr stated he had reviewed the lease agreement and the Fire District approves of the agreement as well. Fire Marshal Spritzer stated the Fire Protection District Board approved and signed the lease agreement at their meeting last week.

Councilmember Smits moved and Councilmember Simillion seconded the motion to approve the lease agreement with Gunnison County for Lots 6 through 12, Block 143, West Gunnison Amended and to authorize the Mayor to sign said agreement.

Roll call vote, yes: Simillion, Stone, Ferguson, Smits, Duba. So carried.

Roll call vote, no: None.

City Manager Collins stated the firehouse building has now been transferred from Gunnison County to the City and District Fire Departments and the lease agreement has been signed with the County for the fire departments to use the adjacent lots for training purposes. This has been a nine month process and he complimented Fire Marshal Spritzer, Fire Chief Jim Miles, City Attorney Landwehr, and the Fire Protection District Board for all of their work on this issue. He also thanked Gunnison County for their work on this transfer and lease agreement. Council concurred with the City Manager.

Set Executive Session for March 9, 2004, Re: Discussion on Sale of Real Property.

Councilmember Smits moved and Councilmember Duba seconded the motion to set an Executive Session for March 9, 2004, for the purpose of discussion the sale of real property.

City Attorney Landwehr asked that the motion be amended to include discussion on the easement negotiations associated with the Lost Canyon parcel. He also asked that the agenda for the March 9, meeting reflect that there may be Council action following the return to the Regular Session from the Executive Session. City Clerk Davidson stated she would add that to the agenda. Councilmember Smits agreed to amend the motion and Councilmember Duba agreed to amend his second to the motion.

Roll call vote, yes: Stone, Ferguson, Smits, Duba, Simillion. So carried.
Roll call vote, no: None.

Ordinance and Resolutions: None.

City Attorney: Nothing to report.

City Manager: Mark Collins: Update on Selection of Community Center Construction Manager/General Contractor. City Manager Collins, with the assistance of Parks & Recreation Director Ampietro, reported that several members of the Community Center Selection Committee met and interviewed four firms for the Construction Manager/General Contractor (CM/GC) for the Community Center project. The Committee is recommending FCI Contractors for the CM/GC. FCI has a proven Gunnison track record, having successfully completed several projects including the WSC Hurst Hall and Escalante Hall projects, and the new Wells Fargo Bank building. They received good recommendations on several public sector projects containing kitchen facilities. FCI provided detailed cost estimates and informed the Committee they could expect a 2 to 3% overall project cost savings because of their proven ability to work with local subcontractors. If selected, they plan to hold a local job fair for subcontractors and local businesses to provide materials. Director Ampietro stated they are aware of our budget and he heard great recommendations on their proposed construction superintendent.

City Manager Collins informed Council they would like to place approval of FCI as the CM/GC on the March 9, Regular Session agenda. Discussion ensued on the City Attorney reviewing both the pre-construction scope of services contract, which will cost approximately \$5,000, and the construction contract. City Attorney Landwehr stated they are looking at standard AIA contracts and he should be able to review them before he leaves town on March 13.

City Manager Collins informed Council the City's presentation to the Energy Impact Grant Committee for the \$500,000 grant application has been set for Thursday, March 11, at the DOLA office in downtown Denver. Mayor Ferguson will speak for the City and County Commissioner Jim Starr has agreed to speak for the County as the co-applicant.

Acting City Manager: Community Development Director Hannon. Director Hannon was out of town. Mayor Ferguson asked the City Manager to relay to Director Hannon that the workplans update was very helpful. Councilmember Duba and Mayor Ferguson commented that the development review guide is a great idea.

Mayor Ferguson asked that the number of required initial subdivision plats be re-examined. He feels the 15 initial copies is burdensome and would like the Community Development Department to see if the number can be reduced.

Councilmember Smits commented on the customer service survey samples in the packet. He thinks the Larimer County and Gunnison County surveys are very good.

City Clerk: Gail Davidson. City Clerk Davidson asked Council about two upcoming Council meetings. Staff would like to conduct the tour of alternate road surfaces prior to the March 23, Regular Session. The tour is regarding the alternate road surface request made by Perry Anderson for the Wildwood Town Homes project. Council will look at their calendars. The City Clerk also asked if any Councilmembers would be out of town for spring break for the March 16, Work Session. Councilmember Duba stated he will be out of town.

Non-Scheduled Citizens:

Marcie, the new Manager of the local Wal-Mart, and Jodie, the Assistant Manager came forward and introduced themselves. They informed Council that Wal-Mart wants to help the community through the bonus grants available through the company and are interested in being more involved in the community. Wal-Mart needs people to come forward and let them know what programs need assistance. They asked for input from Council on issues they felt are in need of assistance.

Councilmember Stone stated daycare is a big issue in Gunnison. The Tenderfoot Child Development Center project could be one project to pursue. Also, the City Recreation Scholarship Program can always use assistance. This program provides funding for children in need to participate in recreation programs. Councilmember Duba thanked Wal-Mart for their willingness to help the community.

Council thanked Marcie and Jodie for coming forward.

General Discussion/Items for Work Session:

Councilmember Simillion: Asked the City Manager what the Winter Carnival cost the City. City Manager Collins stated Staff had provided cost breakdowns to him and he will provide a memo outlining all of the City's costs to Council on Wednesday morning. He will also be meeting with Gunnison Main Street Director Bruce Hyde on Thursday to review comments on this and future events. Councilmember Simillion stated he is not in favor of holding the Winter Carnival next year as it killed a lot of business downtown.

Councilmember Stone: Asked the City Manager to pass on to Staff his compliments on working with the County Beautification Committee. Also, he thanked City Attorney Landwehr for his work on the Intergovernmental Agreement with Gunnison County for funding for the Community Center.

Councilmember Duba: Asked the City Manager to provide a bi-monthly update to the community through the newspaper on the status of the new Community Center. Councilmember Duba then updated Council on the Housing Authority meeting. There are two board vacancies on the Authority. Finance Director Hanson will be attending the next meeting to work out the details on the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City and the Authority for funding.

Councilmember Smits: Nothing to report.

Mayor Ferguson: Gave an update on the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) retreat meeting that was held a couple of weeks ago. Crested Butte Town Manager Frank Bell facilitated the meeting and the group set goals and is developing a mission statement. They are also developing a three-year business plan. The Mayor stated they had good discussion and feels the RTA is moving ahead.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:59 P.M.

Mayor

City Clerk